

REMARKS

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith citing a search report dated August 3, 2004 from the EPO in a counterpart application. It is requested that the Examiner consider the search report and make the prior art of record cited therein in the attached PTO form.

The invention is a decorative cover and a telephone having a decorative cover. In accordance with an embodiment of the invention, a cover member 12 has an inner surface and an outer surface as may be seen from Figs. 1, 2 and 4 where the outer surface is visible and from Figs. 3, 5 and 6 where the inner surface is visible. An optical fiber member 40, 40a or 40b, as may be seen in Figs. 3, 5 and 6, emits light from a side surface. See paragraph [0004]. A light source 38, 38a or 38b is adjacent the input end of the optical fiber member to emit light from the light source to the optical fiber member for transmission from the side surface of the optical fiber along the length thereof. The optical fiber is laid out in a pattern as may be seen in Figs. 1 and 2 cooperating with the cover member to cause light to be visible through the side surface through the outer surface of the cover member along the length of the optical fiber in a pattern when the light source is emitting light and may be molded with the cover member and embedded therein.

Claims 1-11 are patentable over Pressler for the reasons set forth in the June 14, 2004 Amendment.

Newly submitted claims 25 and 26 respectively contain the subject matter of cancelled claims 5 and 16. In addition to the comments above regarding Pressler, Pressler does not disclose the molding of the optical fiber member with the decorative cover member as recited in claims 25 and 26. Moreover, there is no

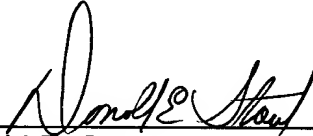
basis in the record why this subject matter would be obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (0173.40106X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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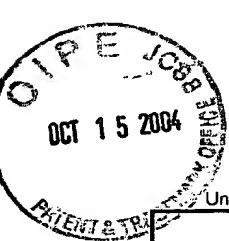
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